

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Prior to the present communication, claims 5-9, 12-33, and 38 were pending, and have been examined. No claims have been cancelled. Claim 31 has been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 5-9, 12-33, and 38 are therefore currently pending in the application.

II. Support for the Amendments to the Specification and Claims

Support for the amendments to the specification and claims can be found throughout the drawings, specification, and claims as originally filed.

Table 1 of the specification has been amended to return Table 1 to the version that appeared in the specification as originally filed.

Specific support for the amendment to claim 31 can be found at least in part in claim 31 as originally filed.

It will be understood that no new matter is included in the amendments to the specification or the claims.

III. Objection to Table 1

The Action objects to the amendments to Table 1 as introducing new matter. As detailed in the response filed by Applicants on December 29, 2008 ("the Response") to the Action, it has come to Applicants' attention that certain information presented in Table 1 of the specification as originally filed is in error. These errors occurred without deceptive intent, and are not believed to

impact the enablement of the presently claimed subject matter, or any other disclosed inventions. In an abundance of caution, Applicants amended the specification in the Response to correct Table 1.

In order to avoid any possible concerns over new matter, however, Applicants have amended Table 1 back to the version in the specification as originally filed, and present herewith the Declaration of Geeta Ravindran, which provides a marked-up and clean version of the revised Table 1, and includes support for the revisions to Table 1.

IV. Rejection of Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Action rejects claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 31 to remove the term "N-acetyl cysteine" as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome; accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

V. Conclusion

Applicants believe this communication to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues, and to place this application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding any issue associated with this application a telephone call to the undersigned at 512.542.8569 is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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